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Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: CONVEYOR BELT MODULES WITH EMBEDDED ROLLERS RETAINED IN THE MODULES AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

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JANUARY 21, 2004

Date

506-733-6000

Telephone number

Barry L. LaCour

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Whereas we, Richard J. Sofranec, and Brien G. Rau of 6016 Amhurst Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70003, USA, and 826 Newman Avenue, Jefferson, Louisiana 70121, USA,

have made a certain new and useful invention relating to

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for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, which application is identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filing date \_\_\_\_\_; and

Whereas LAITRAM, L.L.C.

of 220 Laitram Lane, Harahan, Louisiana 70123, U.S.A.,

the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of One Dollar, and other good and valuable considerations, paid to us, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do sell, assign, and set over to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, the Letters Patent that may or shall issue from the patent application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions of the patent application or Letters Patent; and we authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent to the Assignee in agreement with the terms of this assignment.

We authorize the Assignee and its agents to insert or to have inserted in this instrument the execution date and/or the filing date and serial number of our patent application.

We convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (the Paris Convention), the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and any other international arrangements for any such patent application, the date of the United States application (or other patent applications, if there be any) in priority to other patent applications; and we covenant and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act conflicting with this assignment, and that we will at any time, upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and will give all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, renewal, reissued, reexamined or extended Letters of Patent of the United States and of any and all foreign

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In witness whereof, we have signed and sealed this assignment on Jan. 21, 2004



Richard J. Sofranecek



Brien G. Rau

State of Louisiana

Parish of Jefferson

On this 21st day of January, 2004, before me, a notary public, appeared Richard J. Sofranecek and Brien G. Rau, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed, and delivered the instrument as their free and voluntary act.

  
Notary Public  
James T. Cronovich Bar No. 01042

My commission expires at death.

JAMES T. CRONVICH  
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<b>Application Number</b>	
<b>Filing Date</b>	
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Sofranec
<b>Title</b>	Conveyor Belt Modules with Emb
<b>Art Unit</b>	
<b>Examiner Name</b>	
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2231.0

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Name	Barry L. LaCour, Secretary		
Signature	<i>By [Signature]</i>		
Date	<i>January 21, 2004</i>	Telephone	504-733-6000

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